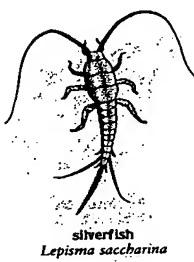


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ican shrub (*Elaeagnus commutata*) having silvery flowers, leaves, and berries. 2. See oleaster.

silver bromide *n.* A pale yellow crystalline compound, AgBr, that blackens on exposure to light and is used in photographic emulsions.

silver certificate *n.* A bill formerly issued as legal tender by the U.S. government in representation of deposited silver bullion.

silver chloride *n.* A white granular powder, AgCl, that turns dark on exposure to light and is used in photographic emulsions, photometry, and silver plating.

silver fish (*sil'vər-fish'*) *n., pl.* **silverfish** or **-fish·es**. 1. Any of various fishes having silvery scales. 2. A small silvery or gray bristletail (*Lepisma saccharina*) that feeds on the starch material in bookbindings, wallpaper, clothing, and food.

silver fox *n.* 1. A melanistic red fox having black fur tipped with white. 2. This fur, esp. as an article of clothing.

silver hake *n.* A marine food fish (*Merluccius bilinearis*), with silvery scales, common in American Atlantic coastal waters.

silver iodide *n.* A pale yellow odorless powder, AgI, that darkens on exposure to light and is used in photographic emulsions and medicine, esp. as an antiseptic.

silver lining *n.* A hopeful or cheerful prospect in the midst of trouble. [From the proverb "Every cloud has a silver lining."]

silver maple *n.* 1. A North American deciduous tree (*Acer saccharinum*) having palmate leaves that are silvery below and light green above. 2. The hard brittle wood of this tree.

silver·vern (*sil'vern*) *adj.* 1. Composed of silver. 2. Resembling silver; silvery. [ME alteration (influenced by **silver**, silver) of OE *silfren* < *silfōr*. See **SILVER**.]

silver nitrate *n.* A poisonous colorless crystalline compound, AgNO₃, that turns grayish black when exposed to light in the presence of organic matter and is used in manufacturing photographic film and in medicine as a cauter.

silver perch *n.* Any of various silvery fishes resembling perch.

silver plate *n.* 1. A coating or plating of silver. 2. Tableware, such as flatware, made of or coated with silver.

silver·plate (*sil'ver-plāt'*) *tr.v.* **plat·ed**, **plat·ing**, **plates**. To coat (an object) with a thin layer of silver, esp. by electrolytropating.

silver·point (*sil'ver-point'*) *n.* 1. A technique of drawing on specially prepared paper with a silver-tipped instrument. 2. A drawing made by use of this technique.

silver protein *n.* A colloidal preparation of silver oxide and protein, usu. gelatin or albumin, used as an antibacterial agent.

silver screen *n.* See **screen** 6. [From a type of movie screen covered with silver-colored metallic paint.]

silver·sides (*sil'ver-sidz'*) also **sil·ver·sides** (*sidz'*) *n.* Any of various chiefly marine fishes of the family Atherinidae, characterized by a broad silvery band along each side and including the grunion.

silver-smith (*sil'ver-smith'*) *n.* One that makes, repairs, or replaces articles of silver.

silver standard *n.* A monetary standard under which a specified quantity of silver constitutes the basic unit of currency.

silver Star (*sil'var*) *n.* A U.S. military decoration awarded for gallantry.

silver-tongued (*sil'ver-tungd'*) *adj.* Having or exhibiting the power of fluent and persuasive speech; eloquent.

silver·ware (*sil'ver-wär'*) *n.* 1. Silver or silver-plated hollowware and flatware. 2. Metal eating and serving utensils.

silver·weed (*sil'ver-wēd'*) *n.* A stoloniferous plant (*Potentilla anserina*) having pinnate leaves that are silvery beneath.

silver-y (*sil'ver-y*) *adj.* 1. Containing or coated with silver. 2. Resembling silver in color or luster. 3. Having a clear, softly resonant sound: a silvery laugh. — **sil'ver·i·ness**.

sil·vex (*sil'veks'*) *n.* A solid toxic selective herbicide, C₆H₅O₂Cl₃, used primarily against woody plants. [Prob. Lat. *silva*, forest, + *ex*(TERMINATOR).]

sil·vi·cul·ture (*sil've-kü'lüchüre*) *n.* The care and cultivation of forest trees; forestry. [Lat. *silva*, forest; + *cultus*, culture.] — **sil've·cul·tur·al** *adj.* — **sil've·cul·tur·ist** *n.*

si·ma (*si'mä*) *n.* The lower layer of the earth's outer crust that underlies the sial and is rich in silica, iron, and magnesium. [NL, *Si(lca)*, *MA(gnesium)*.]

sim·chat **To·rah** (*sém'khat' tō'rā*) also **Sim·chas To·rah** (*sim'khas tō'rā*, *tō'rā*, *Judaism*) *n.* A festival celebrating the Torah and the completion of the year's reading cycle and its new beginning, observed on the 22nd or 23rd day of Tishri. [Heb. *simbat*, *tōrah*, rejoicing over, the Law; *Simchah*, *Torah*: *simbat*, inflectional form of *simbah*, joy, merriment (< *sāmāh*, to rejoice).] — *tō'rā*, *tōrah*.

sim·coe (*sim'kō*) *n.* Lake. A lake of SE Ontario, Canada, between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario.

si·me·non (*sé-mō-nón'*), Georges Joseph Christian. 1903-89. Belgian-born French writer known esp. for his detective novels, featuring Inspector Maigret.

sim·e·on¹ (*sim'e-on*). In the Bible, a son of Jacob and Leah and the forebear of one of the tribes of Israel.

sim·e·on². In the Bible, the devout Jew who proclaimed the Nunc Dimittis while holding the infant Jesus.

Simeon Styli·tes (*sti-lí'tez*), Saint. A.D. 390?-459. Syrian

Christian ascetic who spent 30 years atop a column.

sim·fer·o·pol (*sim'fə-rō'pal*, *syim-fyə-rō'*) *n.* A city of Ukraine in the Crimea-NE of Sevastopol. Pop. 331,000.

sim·i·an (*sim'ē-ən*) *adj.* Relating to, characteristic of, or resembling an ape or a monkey. — *n.* An ape or a monkey.

sim·i·lar (*sim'ē-lär*) *adj.* 1. Related in appearance or nature alike; though not identical. 2. **Math.** Having corresponding angles equal and corresponding line segments proportional. Used of geometric figures: *similar triangles*. [Fr. *similaire*, Lat. *similis*, like; See *SEM*+] — **sim·i·lar·ly** *adv.*

sim·i·lar·i·ty (*sim'ē-lär'i-tē*) *n., pl.* **ties**. 1. The quality or condition of being similar; resemblance. See *SIMILAR*. 2. A corresponding aspect or feature; an equivalence.

sim·i·le (*sim'ē-lē*) *n.* A figure of speech in which two essentially unlike things are explicitly compared, usu. by means of *like* or *as*; as in "She is to you as my thoughts as food to life" (Shakespeare). [ME < Lat. *ne*, *similis*, like. See *SIMILAR*.]

sim·il·i·tude (*sim'ē-lē-tüd'*, *tyüd'*) *n.* 1. Similarity; resemblance. See *SIMILAR*. 2.a. One closely resembling another; a counterpart. b. A perceptible likeness. 3. **Archaeol.** simile, an allegory, or a parable. [ME < OFr. *similitude* < Lat. *similitudē* < *similis*, like. See *SIMILAR*.]

sim·mi Valley (*se'mē*, *sim'ē*) *n.* A city of S CA, a suburb of Los Angeles. Pop. 100,217.

sim·men·tal also **sim·men** (*sim'ēn-täl*) *n.* Any of a Swiss breed of large muscular cattle, having a reddish body and a white face and raised for meat and milk. [After *Simmental*, a valley of the Simme R. in SW-central Switzerland.]

sim·mer (*sim'ēr*) *v.* **mered**, **mer·ing**, **mers**. *mer·ing* *n.* 1. To be cooked gently or remain just at or below the boiling point. 2.a. To be filled with pent-up emotion; seethe. b. To be in a state of gentle ferment. — *n.* 1. To cook (food) gently in liquid just at or below the boiling point. 2. To keep (a liquid) near or just below the boiling point. See *SIMMER*.

The state or process of simmering. — **phrasal verb.** *simmer down.* To become calm after excitement or anger. [Alteration of ME *simpre*; to simmer, prob. of imit. orig. *to smite*.]

sim·nel (*sim'nēl*) *n.* **Chiefly British.** 1. A crisp bread made of fine wheat flour. 2. A rich fruitcake eaten at mid-Lent, Easter, and Christmas. [ME < OFr. *simnel*, *simnel*, *simnel* ult. < Lat. *simila*, fine flour, prob. of Semitic orig. *simin*.]

si·mo·le·on (*si'mō-le'ōn*) *n.* **Slang.** A dollar. [?]

Si·mon (*sé-món*), Claude Eugene Henri. b. 1913. French writer, who won the 1985 Nobel Prize for literature.

Si·mon (*si'mōn*), Herbert Alexander. b. 1916. Amer. economist, who won a 1978 Nobel Prize.

Si·mon, Neil. b. 1927. Amer. playwright, whose comedies include *The Odd Couple*.

si·mo·ni·ac (*si'mō-nē-äk'*, *si'mō-ni'äk*) *n.* One who practices simony.

si·mo·ni·ac (*si'mō-nē-äk'*, *si'mō-ni'äk*) *n.* 1. **adj.** **simoniac** *adj.* **simoniac** *n.* 2. Greek lyric poet known esp. for his elegies.

Si·mon Le·gree (*lé-gré'*) *n.* A brutal taskmaster. [After *Si·mon Le·gree*, a slave-dealer in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.]

si·mon·i·pe·ri·cally (*si'mōn-pērē-kälē*) *adj.* 1. Genuinely and thoroughly pure. 2. Superficially or hypocritically virtuous. [*< the real Simon Pure*; after *Simon Pure* in *A Bold Stroke for a Wife*, play by Susannah Centlivre (1669-1723).]

si·mo·ny (*si'mō-né*, *sim'ē*) *n.* The buying or selling of ecclesiastical pardons, offices, or emoluments. [ME, *simone*, OFr. < LLat. *simonia*, after *Simon*, Magus, a sorcerer who tried to buy spiritual powers from the Apostle Peter. (A.D. 8-24)] — *si·mo·nist* *n.*

Si·mon Ze·lo·tes (*zé'lō-tēz*) or **Si·mon the Ca·naan·ite** (*kā-nā-nīt'*) *n.* 1st cent. A.D. In the Bible, one of the 12 Apostles, thought to have been a member of the Zealots.

si·moom (*si'mōōm'*) also **si·moon** (*mōōn'*) *n.* A strong, hot sand-laden wind of the Sahara and Arabian deserts. [Ar. *māmūn*, poisonous, *simoom* < *samma*, to poison < Aram. *mā*, drug, poison.]

simp (*sim'*) *n.* **Slang.** One who is regarded as simple or foolish. [Short for *SIMPLETON*.]

sim·pa·ti·co (*sim-pä'tē-kō*, *pä'tē*) *adj.* 1. Of like mind; temperament; compatible. 2. Having attractive qualities; pleasing. [Ital. *simpatico* (< *simpatica*, sympathy), or Sp. *simpático* (< *simpatía*, sympathy), both < Lat. *sympathia*, *SYMPATHY*.]

sim·per (*sim'par*) *v.* **pered**, **per·ing**, **pers**. — *intr.* To smile in a silly, self-conscious, often coy manner. — *tr.* To utter or express with a simper. — *n.* A silly, self-conscious, often coquettish smile. [Perh. of Scand. orig.] — **sim·per·er** *n.*

sim·ple (*sim'pal*) *adj.* **pler**, **piest**. 1. Having or composed of only one thing, element, or part. See *SIMPLY*. 2. Not involved or complicated; easy. See *SIMPLY*. 3. Being without additions or modifications; mere: a *simple* "no." 4. Having little or no ornamentation; not embellished or adorned. 5. Not elaborate, elegant, or luxurious. 6. Unassuming; unpretentious; not affected. 7.a. Having or manifesting little sense or intelligence. b. Uneducated; ignorant. c. Unwonted or unsophisticated. See *SIMPLY*.

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sim·u·late (*sim'yü-lät'*) *v.* **late** on the app. b. To make in imitation. — *tr.* To make a.

3. To create a representation for example. [Lat. *simulare*] — **sim·u·la·tive** *adj.* — **sim·u·lat·ed** (*sim'yü-lät'ēd*) *adj.* 1. As a substitute for another.

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